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COUNTY WAIVES ADOPTION FEES FOR MOST CATS AND DOGS *Beginning on Saturday, Aug. 18, Vaccination, Microchip and Adoption Fees Waived*

Due to a seasonal influx of animals, the County's three animal shelters are raining cats and dogs and we will be waiving all adoption fees for cats 6 months and older and all dogs 5 years and over, starting this Saturday, announced County Animal Services Director Dawn Danielson today.

"Our three County shelters are really packed right now and we don't want to compromise the health of the animals by holding more animals than we can properly care for," said Danielson.

"We are looking for new pet parents who know that they want to add a new four-legged family member but they just haven't taken the time to visit our shelters. Maybe this is just the incentive needed to get families to make the commitment to adopt a pet."

County Animal Services will waive adoption fees beginning Saturday, Aug. 18 through Saturday, Sept. 1. Only two animals per person can be adopted.

Danielson said our adult cats just can't compete with fuzzy, bouncy kittens and our mature dogs have trouble competing with puppies and teenage dogs and we want to offer incentives to adopt before the shelters get to the point of overflowing.

All animals will be neutered or spayed, microchipped and vaccinated prior to going home with their new family. For more information on adoptions at any of the three County Animal Shelters or to view photos of adoptable animals, please visit, <http://www.sddac.com/adoptions.asp>.

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